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THE ORDER OF ANNE MORROW LINDBERGH

BACKGROUND

Established by the U.S. Army Aviation Center (USAAVNC) in 1997, the Order of Anne Morrow Lindbergh award recognizes individuals who have *voluntarily* contributed significantly to the improvement of the active duty aviation community over a long period of time. These individuals must demonstrate the highest standards of integrity and moral character, display an outstanding degree of personal ethics, and selflessly serve the aviation community with distinction. The USAAVNC is the sponsoring agency and provides financial resources, administrative control, and publicity.

Anne Morrow Lindbergh, wife of Charles Lindbergh, aided her husband in expanding the world of commercial aviation. Accompanying her husband on numerous flights throughout the world, she assisted by recording weather data and landing conditions as they searched for the most suitable flight routes. Anne was seven months pregnant when she accompanied Colonel Lindbergh on his world-record setting transcontinental flight. Her unwavering dedication to her husband was illustrated by her decision to serve as his copilot and navigator despite her condition.

Inspired by her husband's achievements, Anne earned her private pilot's license and became the first woman in the United States to earn her glider pilot's license. She was also an accomplished author, writing several popular books and publishing a volume of diaries and letters that chronicled her early years with Charles.

Anne continued to accompany her husband on his many famous flights as copilot and full partner. Constantly swarmed by crowds and publicity wherever they went, the couple would turn to flying as a way to spend time alone together. Her inspiration and was instrumental in her husband's success in shaping the modern world of aviation.

The spirit of Anne Morrow Lindbergh lives on in many spouses and family members of Army Aviation today. Braving adversity, whether following their loved ones to the most remote duty stations, or supporting their soldiers while separated during deployments, these modern day pioneers selflessly give of themselves, not only to their aviators, but to the community of Army Aviation where they serve. For those exceptional individuals who exhibit Anne's spirit of selfless service and devotion, the Order of Anne Morrow Lindbergh has been established to capture their achievements for posterity and to formally recognize their accomplishments.

CRITERIA

This award is intended to honor that very special spouse who truly goes above and beyond all others. Therefore, it is our intent that no more than one award per year will be presented to a battalion, squadron, brigade headquarters, and other separate battalion size agencies. Each award nomination packet will be judged on its own merit, and not against other nominees.

A nominee for the Order of Anne Morrow Lindbergh should be a spouse or family member who has given of their time to support the community. This support must contribute significantly to the overall improvement, well-being, or quality of life for members of their community. This award is not intended to be a PCS award. It should cover service over an extended period of time or a career. The specific requirements are:

(1) Significant service to the active duty aviation community. Service must exemplify the spirit of sacrifice and devotion as characterized by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

(2) Must not have been monetarily compensated to accomplish the specified service or have performed this service as part of the scope of their employment.

(3) Must have voluntarily contributed of their time and service.

DOCUMENTATION

The official nomination form should be used and is attainable from the Aviation Propensity Office, phone: (334) 255-9734 (DSN 558-9734); Fax: (334) 255-1860. Forms may also be downloaded from the Aviation Propensity web page (<http://www-rucker.army.mil/ap/ap.htm>) or the Aviation Propensity portion of the USAAVNC home page on the worldwide web (<http://www-rucker.army.mil>). These forms may be locally reproduced.

The recommended citation for the certificate of not more than 100 words citing the significant service provided should be on the nomination form. Limit additional supporting information to 1500 words or three pages (whichever is greater).

Justification must contain sufficient details about the nominee to enable the approving authority to make an informed decision.

Type all entries to assist in the photo copying of data.

SUBMISSION

Any person having knowledge of service as outlined above may initiate nomination action for this award subject to the following:

(1) Award nominations may be submitted any time as long as a unit or agency stays within the criteria of only one award per battalion, squadron, brigade headquarters, and separate battalion size agency per calendar year.

(2) Submission of the nomination packet should be made through the supervising brigade/colonel-level commander or activity director as appropriate. The nomination packet should contain a nomination form, and supporting information.

(3) The appropriate brigade/colonel-level commander or activity director should forward the completed nomination packet to the Aviation Propensity Office at the following address: Commander, U.S. Army Aviation Center, ATTN: ATZQ-AP, Fort Rucker, AL 36362-5035.

(4) The receipt of each nomination will be acknowledged by the Aviation Propensity Office via email. Award nomination materials will not be returned.

APPROVING AUTHORITY & SELECTION

The approving authority for the Order of Anne Morrow Lindbergh is the Commanding General, USAAVNC. All nominations will be presented to the USAAVNC Command Group. Allow sixty days for processing. The USAAVNC proponent for this action will be the Aviation Propensity Office.

NOTIFICATION & PRESENTATION

(1) The Aviation Propensity Office will notify the brigade/colonel-level commander or director of approval or disapproval of the award. Approved awards will be forwarded to the command/directorate for presentation at an appropriate ceremony. The command will be responsible for notifying the nominator and nominee, as appropriate.

(2) Presentations should be made on or about 12 April to coincide with the Aviation Branch anniversary. Presentation ceremonies which are conducted in conjunction with local Aviation Balls (where conducted) are recommended as appropriate settings.

(3) Recipients shall receive the Certificate of the Order of Anne Morrow Lindbergh, signed by the Chief of Army Aviation. A biographical description and lapel pin of Anne Morrow Lindbergh will also be included. It is recommended that the presenting organization frame the certificate and attach the biographical description of Anne Morrow Lindbergh to the back of the frame.